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# SEATTLE PACIFIC UNIVERSITY STANDING MASTER PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

May 29, 2007

# **DRAFT MEETING SUMMARY**

#### **Committee Members Present:**

Darlene Hickman
John Coney
Doug Lorentzen
Elaine King
Tom Box
Doug Jennings
Douglas McNutt
Jay LaVassar
Marty Harper
Kim Orr

## Staff:

Cheryl Michaels Dave Church Melanie Whitehead Laurie Ames, DON

#### **Guests:**

Deb Everson Bill Fenimore Vince Ferrerse, Mithun Sarah Durkee, LMN

#### I. Welcome and Introductions

#### II. Approval of Draft Agenda

Draft Agenda is distributed, no changes or additions; draft agenda is approved.

# III. Review and Approval of Minutes

Minor changes made to draft minutes and the minutes were approved.

# IV. Health Update on Cliff Louie

Cliff Louie had a stem cell transplant in April and is recuperating and doing well. In recovery mode, watching closely. SAC sends good wishes to Cliff.

Did not get meeting announcement in QA News. Propose putting a condensed version into QA News so people can be aware of what's happening. Quick and concise summary of the meeting for the QA News. Darlene, Laurie, and Melanie to work on making this happen.

#### V. Irondale Residence Hall

Updates on two projects: Reminder from staff that this work is not funded and there isn't any timeline for the work. Are in design and once completed will go on hold. Moved out of schematics in spring and hope to have design work completed in October.

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Vince Ferrese, Mithun Architects, provided information on Irondale Residence Hall, 144 beds, replacement housing, not housing for additional students. Going very slowly. Model displayed and an orientation to streets provided. Model shows Irondale building in relation to other buildings in area and nearby residences. Able to get beds into half the block. Keeps uphill side of block including trees intact. Intent is not to touch anything uphill of Irondale. Stay off of Bertona for vehicular access; bring cars in off two locations – required parking for 30 some cars; place as many cars as possible under building off of 6th Avenue. One basement and first floor for parking. Possibility of green roof. Detailed explanation of building layout and design. Discussion of 5th floor mansard roof with dormers. Two bonuses – one is slope site bonus and one is mansard roof bonus. Consulting with DPD on mansard roof and dormers.

# VI. Nickerson Street Retail and Garage Project, Sarah Durkee, LMN Architects

At this point entire project is beginning of a dream and is very preliminary. Sarah Durkee, LMN Architects presenting a development study, massing model. Presented options for development including a retail area, pedestrian mall, and connecting the campus to the waterfront; announce presence of University with a possible gateway. Bookstore, retail, coffee shop, bank, copy center for campus and for community. Parking would replace existing surface lot. Could be room for office space, or more parking. Grand Hall.

Series of plans presented for different levels, i.e. parking, mezzanine, upper levels, and Grand Hall. Required to keep alley open and to keep view corridor through 5th Avenue down to Nickerson.

Architectural elements from main campus will be repeated. Lively edge with plaza/open space. 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue pedestrian mall envisioned as lively gathering space.

Comment: positive reaction to retail activity to revitalize Nickerson Street; like having different retail stores and not just one huge store. Small space retail needs high ceilings on first floor.

Comment: Opposed to parking that shows through on street façade.

Grand Hall presentation? Have talked about a concept, but no presentation is available; fundraising concept only. Size of Grand Hall is under debate, guess is about 1,800.

Comment: If University needed to expand, talked about north of Nickerson. Buildings vacant now. Is University giving that a second look and could there be overhead separation for people crossing Nickerson to the north. Response: Within existing master plan don't have too much room to the north - boundary is close to northern edge of Nickerson.

#### VII. TMP Update, Cheryl Michaels

TMP required by code; encourages employees and students to use alternative transportation modes to and from campus and is intended to reduce impact on neighborhood. Parking management and commute trip reduction. Haven't been any major changes to parking management. CTR is offering significant benefits to employees; flex pass, subsidies, and incentives for biking. Bike to work program has 54 participants, an increase over 46 last year.

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Several new initiatives undertaken this year. Added Community Transit to flex pass this year. Hoping that when bus route 31 is rerouted back through campus there will be increases in use of transit. Two flex cars on campus that employees can use as well as neighbors. Van pool program being marketed. Van share – in between van pool. Van available to employees who take the bus and get so far to campus and then need more convenient way to make it all the way to campus. Participation in new initiatives is encouraging. Fremont Bridge reopening and bus 31 being rererouted will provide more options; bike path extension to west. Metro Partnership Program for enhanced bus service, Bridging the Gap, Transit Now initiatives will be explored.

#### VIII. Ashton and Hill Hall Telecom Project

This summer taking Hill Hall and Ashton Hall off-line. On inside are retrofitting datawire – doing complete upgrade of the datawire and rack equipment in buildings. Also bringing through existing conduits new copper and fiber from outside Hill Hall up to Ashton and from outside of Hill Hall into Hill Hall. No earthwork, but may see trucks and cable reels.

# IX. Update on Route #13 Bus Layover Relocation

Trying to get crosswalk striped at 3<sup>rd</sup> and Bertona. Met with City, agreed it was needed, but reluctant to do that because of visibility issues. Working with Metro to change layover location for bus 13. Phase I has already taken place – backed layover location up so it is not at intersection. When there is a second bus that laysover there they have created a new spot, south of alley and styling salon. Work on getting SDOT out to stripe crosswalk – short term solution.

Phase 2 - Eliminate layover facing north on 3<sup>rd</sup> completely. Take existing bus stop on Nickerson and move east to enable trolley bus to make turn and stop there. That becomes stop for 13 as well. 17 and 31 stop there. Come around Cremona and turn left headed south on 3<sup>rd</sup> and that's where layover will be. Eliminate stop in front of salon. Likely a year out. Trying to reach Megan Hoyt – staff changes. Doug will check on who is best person to contact at SDOT.

Accident at 3<sup>rd</sup> and Nickerson tonight. Next focus will be on getting a designated left turn lane with left signal onto Nickerson. Will work with SDOT to get this moving.

# X. Update on Property Acquisitions Outside of MIO

There were none. Last year Florence mentioned she had heard that University was putting an offer in on 7<sup>th</sup> and Cremona. Not true – SPU never interested. Private sale not related to SPU.

Question: Any tidying up of vacant lot on 11th? Requesting sod – wires dangling from phone poles. SPU will look at site and had plans to hydroseed.

Third house west of 7<sup>th</sup> and Cremona on south side was referenced by Florence. Bought by someone whose son is a student. Small SPU contribution to work on adjacent retaining wall.

#### XI. Public Comments

None

## XII. Adjourn

Fall meeting may be cancelled if there are no agenda items. Will also keep people informed of Cliff's progress. The meeting was adjourned.